Rehabilitation of girls engaged in begging, etc.

†*379. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY :

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Goyernment are aware of the fact that a large number of minor girls are being made tools for begging and anti-social elements push them into flesh trade;

(b) if so, the details for the last two years, State-wise; and

(c) the arrangement made by Government for rehabilitation of these girls?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) and (b) As per te latest information available in 'Crime in India'; a publication of the National Crime Records Bureau, State-wise information pertaining to selling and buying of girls for immoral trafficking in 1999 and 2000 is given in the Statement enclosed (*See* below). As per the same publication, the number of minor girls kidnapped for begging and trafficked across the country, were 187 and 186 during 1999 and 2000 respectively. However, State-wise details regarding minor girls kidnapped for begging and prostitution are not available in the publication.

(c) The National Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children, administered by the Department of Women and Child Development (WCD), Ministry of Human Resource Development, which was formulated in 1998, has outlined a multi-sectoral strategy for the prevention, rescue and rehabilitation of the victims of such exploitation. Beggary including begging by children is sought to be prevented through enactment of legislation by the State Governments and the Union Territory Administrations. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, a Central Act administered by this Ministry also provides for penal action against persons employing or using children for the purposes of beggary. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment also implements a Central Scheme called 'An Integrated Programme for Street Children', which provides for shelter, nutrition, health care, education and recreation facilities to street children and seeks to protect them against abuse and exploitation including forced beggary.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Information pertaining to selling and buying of girls for prostitution in 1999 *and* 2000.

State/UT	1999		2000	
	Selling of girls for prostitution	Buying of girls for prostitution	Selling of girls for prostitution	Buying of girls for prostitution
Andhra Pradesh	0	0	3	0
Assam	0	0	1	1
Bihar	0	0	1	0
Gujarat	0	0	0	43
Karnataka	1	0	0	0
Kerala	0	0	0	3
Madhya Pradesh	0	0	1	0
Maharashtra	3	2	5	1
Mizoram	1	0	0	0
West Bengal	7	3	4	5
Delhi	1	0	0	0
India (Total)	13	5	15	53

Source: Ministry of Home Affairs, National Crime Records Bureau, Crime in India, 1999 and 2000.

Geneva meeting of developing countries

*380. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 20 developing countries including South Africa and Sri Lanka led by India met at Geneva, and stressed the need for addressing the concerns of developing countries, particularly their agriculture related concerns about protectionist policies and programmes of the developed countries, under the WTO regime;

(b) if so, the response of the countries thereto; and